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Auto driver's outburst puts spotlight on issues of aggression when hailing or cancelling rides during peak hours in city

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Parking near no-parking signs is one issue, but streets in city's residential neighbourhoods are super crowded due to vehicles parked outside houses

MY HOUSE, MY ROAD, & MY PARKING SPACE

Citizens say as main roads are traffic police's top priority, not much action taken in other roads

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Streets of Bengaluru are increasingly becoming a battleground for pedestrians. While Bengaluru police have been focusing their towing efforts in the busy Majestic area, the larger issue of illegal parking and footpath encroachments is festering in residential neighbourhoods, where the problem remains largely unaddressed.

K Goplaiah, a resident of Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, said, "I have often seen people in residential neighbourhoods parking their vehicles outside their homes on the road, obstructing the smooth flow of traffic. When questioned, these residents argue

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> **"When questioned, these residents argue that they are parking in front of their own homes and that others have no right to challenge them. Since this issue is widespread, constantly complaining to the police isn't practical**
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> —K Goplaiah, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar resident

COME SEPTEMBER

... Said to be typically wettest month for city, this year outlook not that favourable for rain

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September is typically the wettest month for Bengaluru, with the Indian Meteorological Department's normal rainfall estimate around 20 cm. This year, however, it's uncertain if the city will reach this benchmark.

According to the Namma Karnataka weather update on X platform, "As of the late third week of September, the outlook does not seem favourable. Persistent low-pressure systems in the North-Central Bay of Bengal are accelerating the westerlies, preventing the formation of inland convergence, which is crucial for rainfall in the city. It appears that after September 18th, the Bay of Bengal might calm down, but whether Bengaluru will achieve the normal rainfall range remains uncertain."

The update said that the core monsoon months—June, July, and August—greatly influence Bengaluru's rainfall, primarily driven by wind speeds at 800 hPa, about 2 km above the surface. Different wind speeds impact

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Comedy-drama film

Movie Magic @ Urban Solace brings to you the screening of Amarcord, a 1973 comedy-drama film directed by Federico Fellini, an Italian film director and screenwriter. It is a semi-autobiographical tale about Titta, an adolescent boy growing up among an eccentric cast of characters in the village of Borgo San Giuliano in the 1930s. Titta's sentimental education is emblematic of Italy's 'lapse of conscience.'.
Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor
When: September 8, 6 pm onwards

02 Action-packed performance

Immerse yourself in 'Mt. Rushmore,' a punk rock, time travel voyage that flings audiences into the throes of the rebellious fringes of the Reagan era in California, where they are tasked with helping playwright and performer Monica on her quest to save her own mother from a lifetime of grief and conservatism. This is a true 1980s action adventure—packed to the brim with espionage, unexpected friendships, and even a shot at redemption. Written and performed by Monica Hunken, it features original songs and punk rock classics, performed live. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: September 7**

03 Groovy beats

Dans Punk is back! This Saturday, groove to the sounds of Broken and Dubby Techno, Dembow, and Weird Bass music from the UK by 'Ploy', whose production and sets have been a source of inspiration behind Dans Punk. Joining him behind the decks is Focus Group Radio's Nich and wicked selectors Cash Michael and Colorfoms.
Where: Indiranagar Social, New Tippasandra
When: September 7, 8 pm onwards

New rules strike hard blow to already thin faculty roster

Guest teachers to be assigned only if there are 20+ students in LKG, UKG classes: Guidelines amid ongoing shortage in teaching staff at govt schools

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The state government has introduced Lower Kindergarten (LKG) and Upper Kindergarten (UKG) classes in several government primary schools as part of the pre-primary education program, aiming to increase enrollment and empower students in rural areas. However, there is growing concern among teachers over the lack of proper infrastructure, learning materials, and classroom preparedness. Additionally, the Education Department's directive that regular teachers should conduct these classes if there are fewer than 20 students has drawn criticism from educators.

A school teacher said that this move has faced significant opposition from many due to inadequate facilities. "...Teachers have expressed dissatisfaction, pointing out that despite the low student count, skilled and trained guest teachers should be appointed for early childhood education instead of overburdening existing staff."

VP Niranjan Aradhya, an education expert, said that introducing pre-primary education in primary schools will strengthen the public school system. "However, even if the number of students in LKG and UKG is low, trained guest teachers should be appointed for these roles," he added.

Teaching responsibilities

According to the guidelines issued by the Education Department, for LKG and UKG classes with 20 or more students, a guest teacher must be appointed for each class. However, if the number of students falls below 20, the responsibility of teaching these classes will fall on the regular school teachers. Similarly, for first-grade English medium classes with more than 20 students, a guest teacher is required, but if there are fewer than 20 students, regular teachers will manage the class.

'According to the guidelines, if the number of students in LKG or UKG classes falls below 20, the responsibility of teaching these classes will fall on the regular school teachers'

More pressure amid shortage in teaching staff at schools

In many government schools, particularly in the Kalyana Karnataka region, there is an ongoing shortage of teachers, with only two or three teachers handling an entire school. This shortage has led to a decline in the quality of education and has negatively impacted student performance. Furthermore, teachers are increasingly burdened with additional administrative tasks assigned by the department. With the added responsibility of teaching LKG and UKG classes alongside grades 1 to 7, teachers are now facing even greater pressure, raising concerns about the potential negative impact on children's education.

Chandrashekhar Nuggali, General Secretary, Teacher's Association, said, "Under the Akshara Aavishkara scheme initiated by the state government through Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), guest teachers should be hired for LKG and UKG, while regular teachers focus on grades 1 to 7. This would alleviate the pressure on primary school teachers, ensuring that the quality of education remains intact."

Students dedicate Teachers' Day to heroes in uniform

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As a token of their heartfelt gratitude, the students of Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, have dedicated this year's Teachers' Day celebrations to the Army jawans of the MEG Regiment, Bengaluru. Driven by the belief that education extends far beyond the confines of a classroom, the students recognised that the jawans, through their service and sacrifice, teach the public invaluable lessons in courage, selflessness, and dedication—qualities that are at the heart of true education.

It may be recalled that these soldiers were instrumental in the recent rescue operations in Wayanad, Kerala, where their quick construction of a temporary bridge proved vital in restoring connectivity and aiding rescue efforts after the devastating landslide.

The students have poured their creativity and emotions into making personalised greeting cards for the jawans. Nandita R, a M.Com student, said that she crafted a flower-based greeting card, and the majority of the students prepared army-based greeting cards too.

Display of some of the personalised greeting cards by the college students

Talking to BM, Fr Dr Geo Kalladanthiyil, Principal of Don Bosco College, said that the students have created these cards as a token of their respect and gratitude. "The courage and dedication displayed by the Army Jawans of the MEG Regiment, Bengaluru, during the Wayanad rescue operations are lessons in service that resonate deeply with our youth," he said.

Richard Melford, the Student Council Governor, said, "The experience of making these cards has been truly inspiring. It's our way of connecting with those who teach us through their actions, showing us what it means to serve with commitment." Jerry, a student volunteer who participated in the card-making exercise, said this initiative is worth emulating. "This project allowed us to channel our creativity in a meaningful way. We hope these cards express how much we value the soldiers' efforts and the lessons they impart," he added.

Vinod Kumar M, Vice Principal, Don Bosco College, stated that these personalised greeting cards, crafted with great care and creativity, will be handed over in person to the jawans of the MEG Regiment at Ulsoor in Bengaluru. "Bengaluru, home to the MEG Regiment since 1780, should take pride in hosting this historic and distinguished battalion. The presence of such a dedicated and courageous force in our city is a reminder of the strength and service that protects and uplifts our community," said Kumar.

Why so furious?

Auto driver slaps woman for cancelling ride, adding to spate of aggressive behaviour on city roads

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In a shocking incident that has sparked widespread outrage, an auto driver slapped a young woman after she cancelled her Ola auto booking. The video of the altercation has gone viral on social media, drawing attention to the increasingly aggressive behaviour exhibited by some drivers in the city. The incident happened when the woman, Niti, and her friend booked two autos simultaneously through the Ola app during peak hours.

Niti got into the first auto, while her friend cancelled the second ride. This decision, although common among app users, enraged the driver whose booking was cancelled. He followed Niti, and an argument quickly escalated into verbal abuse. Niti, who captured parts of the encounter on her phone, can be heard in the viral video questioning, "Why did you slap me?" The auto driver's response was a tirade of insults.

Niti recounted her ordeal on social media platform X, sharing how the auto driver not only verbally abused her but also slapped her in front of bystanders. "Yesterday, I faced severe harassment for cancelling a simple ride," she wrote. "He followed us, shouted, abused us, and even slapped me when I resisted him trying to grab my phone."

The incident highlights the ongoing challenges commuters face with auto drivers in Bengaluru, especially concerning ride cancellations. Many drivers either cancel rides themselves or demand extra money, putting passengers in a difficult position. Niti's situation is not unique, as other passengers have reported similar experiences, with some drivers reacting aggressively when bookings are cancelled.

Alok Kumar, ADGP, responded to the incident, stating, " We have requested Bengaluru traffic officers to take immediate action. This is unacceptable behaviour. A few people like him give the entire auto drivers' community a bad name." The traffic police will look into the matter further, with strong legal action likely against the accused driver.

Hailing auto rides has become an intense affair for both parties involved

> **We have asked traffic officers to take immediate action. This is unacceptable. A few people like him give the auto drivers' community a bad name** –Alok Kumar, ADGP

On the other hand, auto drivers in the city often express frustration over the frequent cancellations they face, which they argue impact their earnings and waste fuel. "One litre of auto gas costs around ₹66.5, and we can cover about 16 to 18 kilometres with that. When a customer cancels the ride, especially after we've already travelled to their location, it's not just an inconvenience—it's a financial loss," said an auto driver near Jayanagar. "Sometimes, customers ask us to stop just two stops before their destination, and other times, if we can't reach exactly where they are, they cancel the ride."

A social media user weighed in on the discussion, commenting, "Ride cancellation is a basic right of the customer. Of course, the driver can be compensated by the platform or customer based on the conditions, but verbal or physical abuse is not acceptable. This auto driver must face the legal consequences."

Road rage cases

Bengaluru has seen a rise in road rage incidents, with 21 cases reported till August this year alone. In another case of road rage that surfaced on September 2 at HSR Layout, an auto driver and a bike rider engaged in a heated altercation, blocking traffic. Simultaneously, an argument erupted between a bike rider and a car driver nearby. In another incident last night in Dommasandra, a bike rider attempted to assault a car driver using his helmet during a confrontation. Both incidents were captured on video and shared on Instagram, tagging the police to raise awareness on road rage.

2 killed as tipper truck overturns

A road accident occurred near Kolar circle on the Chintamani-Srinivasa Pura road on Thursday, when a tipper truck overturned and crashed into a nearby hotel.

According to the police, the truck driver fled the scene and is currently absconding

This accident occurred at 9.30 am killing Shivand, 62, a resident of Madikeri and Shanthakumar, 48, who hailed from Velagalaburrey village.

The other two, Srinivasa Babu, 53 and Murali, 45, are severely injured and are currently undergoing treatment.

Fan murder: Horrific images emerge

A day after police filed a chargesheet against Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa and other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, a photograph of the victim pleading for life emerged on social media on Thursday. "Fear writ large on a shirtless Renukaswamy's face as he stared at the camera, the image is a tell-tale about the trauma he endured as he was given a torturous death," a police official said, adding, several injury marks are also seen all over his body.

In another picture, the victim is seen lying on the ground near a parked truck.

Police said he was beaten up with clubs, given electric shock in his private parts, and thrown against the wall. **PTI**

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‘Sick and fed up’: Road ruckus in Kithaganur

Residents are frustrated with poor road conditions, leading to health issues and worsening infrastructure, while officials blame financial constraints for delays in repairs

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Stagnant drainage near Kithaganur apartment complexes

Residents of Kithaganur, near Maragondanahalli, have expressed serious concerns about the deteriorating condition of Kithaganur Main Road, a vital link for over 1,000 apartment complexes to the city. Once a quiet, low-traffic route, the road is now overwhelmed by a surge in vehicles, but the infrastructure has failed to keep up, leading to its severe degradation. “The roads are extremely dusty, and there’s no proper drainage connection. For drainage, there is no exit point. It’s getting blocked, and water isn’t flowing. Stagnant water and sewage problems have turned the area into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. In the last month, numerous residents of the apartment complex have fallen ill due to viral infections, likely exacerbated by these unsanitary conditions,” said a resident of Cosmos Nandana Apartment

Another resident pointed out, “These essential facilities, such as proper roads and an effective drainage system, should be provided by the government. But here, we have to ask for everything. The road connecting to Margondanahalli is pathetic. People are just so fed up.”

Health problems linked to the deteriorating road and drainage conditions are worsening, with multiple residents reporting fevers and viral infections over the last six weeks. “The dusty roads are causing respiratory issues to the residents, while the uneven surfaces have led to accidents and injuries to the commuters,” said a resident.

Residents are dismayed that basic infrastructure remains in poor condition despite the increasing population in the area. “The layout is in dismal condition. Despite paying taxes, we see no improvements,” said another resident.

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Local panchayat officials, however, cite financial constraints as the main obstacle to progress. According to a representative, the Kithaganur Main Road comes under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department (PWD). Currently, there are insufficient funds to undertake road improvements, and development will have to wait until more resources are available.

From neglect to action: BBMP fixes footpath

Residents of Judicial Layout near Allalasandra, after complaining about UGD pipe that was obstructing their path, praise civic agency for swiftly removing it

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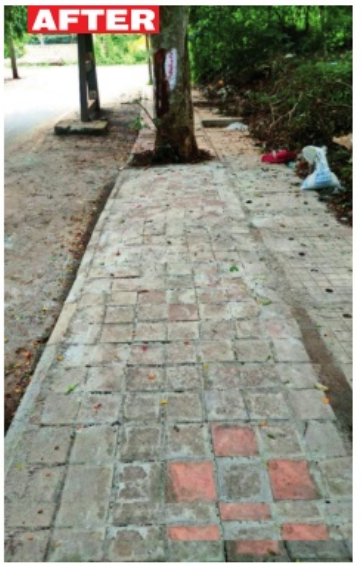

Residents of Judicial Layout near Allalasandra in Yelahanka Zone have praised the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities for fixing the footpath. The BBMP removed a long-standing underground drainage (UGD) pipe that was obstructing the path.

Residents, particularly senior citizens, have expressed frustration with the BBMP contractor’s negligence. They reported that pavers were installed on the footpath without removing the underground drainage (UGD) pipe, which posed a significant danger to pedestrians.

Bangalore Mirror published a story “Installation art that nobody asked for” on September 1, narrating how the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) leaves behind a pipe on the footpath after the work is over. Subsequently, the BBMP developed a path around it without removing it.

> **“Residents have to be proactive in bringing problems to the notice of officials**
> – HM Venkatesh, resident

When Bangalore Mirror reached out, the BBMP Major Roads Assistant Executive Engineer assured that the problem would be addressed.

HM Venkatesh, a resident, commended the BBMP authorities for resolving the footpath issue, noting that their prompt action demonstrates a willingness to address problems when brought to their attention by the public. “Residents have to be proactive in bringing infrastructure-related problems to the notice of the authorities concerned. I am delighted with the BBMP authorities for fixing the footpath problem,” Venkatesh said.

Dr B Pandukumar, President of the Senior Citizens’ Welfare Association, thanked the BBMP authorities for removing the UGD pipe from the footpath. He noted that fixing the footpath would greatly benefit pedestrians, particularly senior citizens from Judicial Layout. “The BBMP authorities are often criticised for negligence and apathy, but the Assistant Executive Engineer (Major Roads) addressed the problem within a few days instead of delaying it. I want to thank the media for highlighting the problem. I hope the BBMP authorities will redress citizens’ grievances without any delay,” said Dr Pandukumar.

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Installation art that nobody asked for
BWSSB leaves behind pipe on footpath after its work is over, BBMP develops path around without removing it

BM reported on September 1, detailing how the BWSSB left pipes on the footpaths after completing their work

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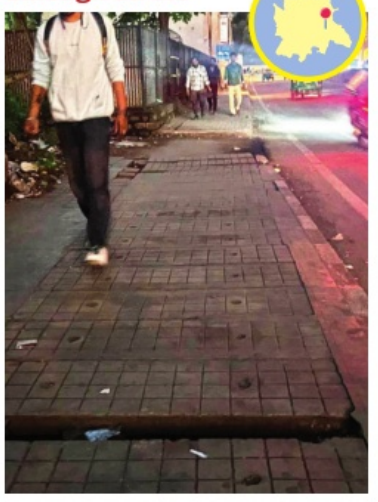
A missing footpath slab near Al-Ameen College, between MTR restaurant and Lalbagh Circle, poses a hazard.

Trash overflow
Jagadish Nagar

The park between Jeeva Bima Nagar and Jagadish Nagar is overflowing with garbage.

SOS at Cubbon Park: Just call these numbers

Officials also assure more security personnel during peak hours

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New measures have been put in place at Cubbon Park following several reports of flashing that created a feeling of fear among visitors, especially women. The Horticulture Department has installed boards at key locations within the park displaying the contact numbers of security personnel. These numbers provide walkers and visitors with a direct line to security in case of emergencies. The initiative was introduced after discussions between local authorities and security teams, aimed at curbing incidents and providing immediate help to those in distress.

One regular walker at the park said, "It's a relief to see these numbers. There have been many incidents, and not everyone knows how to react in such situations. Now, we can call for help right away."

The boards are placed in areas frequented by visitors, ensuring that anyone who encounters inappropriate behaviour can easily reach out for assistance if no security personnel are nearby. This step has been widely appreciated by park visitors, who have expressed concern over the increasing number of incidents, especially during early morning and evening walks when foot traffic is lighter.

"I've always loved Cubbon Park, but lately, it hasn't felt as safe. These boards are a good start in making us feel more protected," shared another walker, who has been visiting the park for years.

These numbers provide direct line to security during emergencies

> **It's reassuring to know we can contact someone quickly if something goes wrong. I hope the authorities keep an eye on things more regularly now**
>
> –Park visitor

The move to display security contact numbers is seen as the first step in addressing safety concerns.

"It's reassuring to know we can contact someone quickly if something goes wrong. I hope the authorities keep an eye on things more regularly now," said another park visitor.

The Horticulture Department has asked visitors to use the contact numbers immediately if they witness any inappropriate or criminal activity. Officials also said they would ensure the presence of security personnel in the park during peak hours.

BBMP fails to implement ABC, citizens submit memo

A group of concerned citizens and animal rights activists have raised serious allegations against the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for its failure to implement the Animal Birth Control (ABC) program for street dogs in the city.

In a memorandum submission, they accused the civic body of disregarding the Supreme Court's rulings and the Animal Welfare Board of India's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) as outlined in the 2023 Gazette Notification. According to the group, there has been a lack of proper awareness programmes, with officials prioritising financially lucrative projects instead of addressing animal welfare.

The group submitted a formal memorandum to the BBMP Chief Commissioner on Thursday, at the BBMP main office, urging the civic body to take responsibility for its shortcomings and rectify the failures in the ABC program.

BM Food & Night Life

Advertorial Promotional Feature

6 easy steps to plating a pretty plate

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- Clean up smears and splatters and present your beautifully-plated dish

Home for holidays? Brace for double bus fares

With Gowri-Ganesha festival approaching, private bus rates have surged sharply, leading RTO to fine over 20 buses for excessive charges

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FIle photo of citizens hurrying to board a bus at Majestic Bus Stand

The first extended break in September begins this week, accompanied by a sharp rise in bus fares due to increased demand for travel out of the city. As the Gowri-Ganesha festival approaches, private bus fares have nearly doubled, placing a significant strain on the wallets of those travelling to distant locations for the celebrations.

Sources said that it's a common occurrence for ticket prices to rise during festival seasons. This year, the Gowri-Ganapathi festival coincides with a weekend, leading to a significant increase in the number of people travelling from Bengaluru to various destinations. This surge in demand has further driven up ticket prices. From September 3 onwards, fares for some private buses have already increased, and this hike is expected to continue until the festival ends and people return.

How much have fares increased?

The fare for private buses on the Bengaluru-Udupi route has risen from 800 to 1,800, Bengaluru-Ballari from 550 to 1,400, Bengaluru-Sirsi from 800 to 2,000, Bengaluru-Hubballi from 700 to 1,800, and Bengaluru-Vijayapura from 900 to 1,900. There has also been a significant increase in fares for buses travelling out of the state from Bengaluru. For example, the Bengaluru-Madurai route has seen a fare hike from 800 to 2,000.

With days left before the festival, bus fares have already started to climb and are likely to become even more expensive as the festival approaches.

RTO keeps an eye on private buses

For private bus companies, the festival season is akin to a celebration of their own. They not only increase fares but also bring older buses back into service to maximise profits, which can compromise passenger safety. Due to these reasons, the Regional Transport Officers (RTO) are keeping a close watch on private buses and are planning to crack down on companies that exploit passengers during the festival season.

Crackdown begins

The transport department claimed that they had begun a crackdown on private buses that had hiked their fares arbitrarily. The department has fined over 20 buses for charging excessive fares in both central and suburban areas of the city. In addition to the fines, steps are being taken to cancel the permits of such buses. A senior official said, "The Transport Department formed 10 teams on Wednesday to track down private buses charging inflated fares. These teams conducted inspections at various locations, including Anand Rao Circle, Majestic, Hebbal, Goraguntepalya, Kalasipalya, near Hoskote Toll, Mysore Road, and other areas. During the inspections, the teams gathered information from passengers about the fares they were charged. Buses found charging two to three times the regular fare faced penalties, and over 20 buses were fined. The department is targeting buses that are exploiting passengers by charging exorbitant fares during the festive season. Ten teams have been dispatched to different locations to monitor the situation, and buses found guilty of overcharging are being fined, with their permits also being revoked. With a significant increase in the number of people travelling to their hometowns on Thursday and Friday, the Transport Department has decided to intensify inspections of private buses over the next two days to ensure compliance and prevent fare hikes."

Immersion traffic advisory

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In light of the Ganesha idol immersion scheduled to take place from September 7 to September 9, at Halasuru Lake Kalyani under Pulakeshinagar Traffic Police Station limits, authorities have announced temporary traffic restrictions to manage the anticipated movement of over 40,000 idols from across the city.

The traffic changes will be enforced between 4 pm and 4 am on these dates to ensure smooth vehicular flow and avoid congestion. Traffic on Kensington Road will be restricted to one-way movement, with vehicles only allowed to travel from the MEG side towards the Kensington-Murphy Road junction. Similarly, traffic on Annaswamy Mudaliar Road will be limited to one-way, allowing movement only from Halasuru Lake towards the Thiruvalluvar Statue Junction.

For vehicles travelling from Kensington Road via MEG towards Halasuru Lake, a right turn must be taken at Gurudwara Junction, followed by routes through Gangadhar Chetty Road, Dickenson Road, St. John's Road, and other major junctions. Similarly, vehicles heading to Halasuru Lake from the Thiruvalluvar Statue Junction should proceed along Gangadhar Chetty Road, passing through RBANMS, Dickenson Road, and Lavanya Theatre Junction.

Parking will be strictly prohibited near the main entrance of Halasuru Lake and on surrounding roads, including Kensington Road, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, and Tank Road. Citizens are advised to follow these instructions and plan their travel accordingly to avoid delays.

Low-pressure systems may impact rainfall in city

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rainfall in various ways. In the Break Phase (0 to 12 Knots), which is beneficial for areas like SIK with thunderstorm rains, but detrimental for Karavali and Malnad, this phase is generally undesirable during the core monsoon season. The Mild Phase (13 to 20 Knots) offers little benefit to any region and was notably present for a significant period last August.

La Nina may not help

Since the beginning of the year, there has been heated discussion about how this monsoon will perform, especially after two years of disappointing rainfall due to the El Niño effect. There was optimism that the arrival of La Niña might improve conditions. However, the anticipated La Niña has been delayed. In June, when rains were sparse, there was speculation about La Niña's impact, but July surprised everyone with its generous rainfall. Now, weather experts are suggesting that La Niña may have little to no effect on this year's monsoon.

A report by private forecaster Skymet said that La Nina, earlier expected during the start of monsoon, has been delayed and is unlikely to establish before September. Even when it arrives, it has to start with a weak phase. The Indian Ocean Diapole (IOD), as such, has defied the earlier forecast of turning positive during the monsoon. The index is persistently negative, albeit within the neutral threshold.

"It can be inferred that both La Nina and IOD may not provide any direct support to the monsoon. Nevertheless, the monsoon, being the most extensive global weather system, possesses sufficient inherent energy to drive a satisfactory normal season, despite the challenges," said the Skymet report.

Where the streets have no space

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that they are parking in front of their own homes and that others have no right to challenge them. Since this issue is widespread, constantly complaining to the police isn't practical. However, both the BBMP and the police need to jointly develop a plan to ban roadside parking in residential areas."

The situation Goplaiah describes is all too familiar. In numerous residential neighbourhoods, vehicles line the streets, reducing already narrow roads to single lanes and forcing drivers to navigate tight spaces. This not only disrupts the flow of traffic but also creates safety hazards for pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly.

Illegal parking on footpaths by businesses also poses safety hazards. Deputy commissioner of Police (West Traffic) Anitha B Haddannavar said, "We have an inadequate number of personnel, so our main priority is managing high-traffic areas like Majestic roads, and the Central Business District (CBD). Addressing broader issues requires intervention from policymakers."

A few days ago, a telling tweet from X user @bangalorevocal highlighted the ongoing struggle faced by residents. Tagging key officials including the Commissioner of Police, Joint Commissioner of Traffic, and BBMP, the tweet expressed frustration over the lack of concrete measures to tackle footpath encroachments. The user pointed out that despite years of complaints, the response from traffic authorities and the BBMP has been limited to standard replies like, " We have informed Sector Officers."

Along the Ring Road

The issue is particularly severe along the Ring Road near HRBR Layout and Chellekere, as well as areas like 7th Main HRBR, 3rd Cross, and 10th Main HRBR. Businesses ranging from automobile dealers to restaurants have claimed footpaths, modifying and leveling them to allow vehicles to climb over, effectively turning these pedestrian spaces into makeshift parking lots.

"Footpaths have been completely overtaken by commercial establishments, leaving pedestrians with no choice but to navigate busy roads," the tweet from @bangalorevocal read. "The modifications made to footpaths, including altered curb stones, are clear indications of how businesses prioritise their parking needs over pedestrian safety."

The problem is exacerbated by the mindset of some residents, who believe that parking in front of their homes is a right rather than a privilege. This has led to confrontations between neighbours, with those affected by the blocked roads left with little recourse but to adapt to the inconvenience. Traffic expert MN Shreehari told BM, "The law clearly states that roads are for traffic movement and footpaths are for pedestrians, so there should be no space for parking on either. Even the footpaths are often unusable for walking, which contributes to the rising number of accidents. Why are cars being parked on the road instead of in garages? When these issues arise, police officers should conduct raids, tow vehicles, and issue fines without excuses. They need to seek the necessary permissions and fulfil their duties. As the number of vehicles continues to grow, the public wrongly treats roads as personal property, parking their vehicles and narrowing the roads. The BBMP, road authorities, and the corporation must be held accountable to control these problems."

Deputy commissioner of police (Traffic East) Kuldeep Kumar Jain also confirmed that main roads are the top priority. "However, if any issues arise in residential areas, residents can always bring them to our attention by writing to us or contacting 112. We will take the necessary action."

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DEEP, SKIN DEEP

Tips on how to maintain healthy skin

India's diverse climate and environmental conditions present unique challenges for skincare. The combination of dust, humidity, and pollution can wreak havoc on the skin, making it essential to adopt a tailored skincare routine. Dr Debjani Chakraborty, Senior Aesthetic Physician and Head of Aesthetics at Wellness Co has these suggestions for better skin care.

Double Cleanse

Given the high levels of dust and pollution, deep cleansing is paramount. Using a gentle, sulphate-free cleanser twice daily helps eliminate impurities and particulate matter that clog pores and cause inflammation. For a thorough cleanse, consider incorporating a double cleansing method, starting with an oil-based cleanser to dissolve makeup and pollutants, followed by a water-based cleanser to remove residual dirt.

Exfoliation is equally crucial. Exfoliating 2-3 times a week with mild chemical exfoliants like AHAs or BHAs can significantly improve skin texture and prevent congestion. These ingredients promote cell turnover, ensuring your skin remains vibrant and free from dullness caused by dead skin cells.

Hack: Use a konjac sponge with your cleanser for a gentle yet effective exfoliation. It helps remove impurities and dead skin cells while being kind to the skin.

Supercharge Your Moisturiser with Antioxidants

Humidity might make your skin feel oily, but maintaining hydration is non-negotiable. Lightweight, non-comedogenic moisturisers support the skin barrier without clogging pores. Look for formulations with hyaluronic acid and ceramides, which help retain moisture.

Incorporating antioxidants into your skincare regimen is essential. Antioxidants like vitamin C and niacinamide protect the skin from free radical damage caused by pollution and UV exposure. They also enhance the skin's natural repair mechanisms.

Hack: Mix a drop of facial oil rich in antioxidants, such as rosehip or marula oil, into your moisturiser to enhance its protective properties and give your skin a radiant glow.

Sun Protection: Your Skin's Best Friend

Despite common misconceptions, sunscreen is crucial even on cloudy days. UV rays penetrate through clouds and windows, accelerating ageing and causing pigmentation. Using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 is recommended. Reapplication every two hours, especially when outdoors, is key to effective protection. Physical sunscreens containing zinc oxide or titanium dioxide are particularly suitable for sensitive skin.

Hack: Use a setting spray with SPF over your makeup for easy reapplication throughout the day without disrupting your look.

Elevate Your Routine with Professional Treatments

For an enhanced skincare routine, consider incorporating professional treatments like HydraFacial and Cryo Facial. HydraFacial combines multiple steps - cleansing, exfoliation, extraction, hydration, and antioxidant infusion. It's an all-in-one treatment that leaves the skin deeply cleansed and rejuvenated.

Cryo Facial, utilising sub-zero temperatures, offers additional benefits. This treatment reduces inflammation, tightens pores, and stimulates collagen production, making it an excellent option for combating the effects of pollution and humidity. These treatments provide intensive care that complements your at-home routine, ensuring optimal skin health.

Nourish from the Inside Out

Internal health reflects on your skin. A balanced diet rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals supports skin repair and overall health. Consuming a variety of fruits, vegetables, and omega-3 fatty acids is beneficial.

Hack: Infuse your water with fruits like lemon, cucumber, or berries. Not only does it make drinking water more enjoyable, but it also adds an extra dose of vitamins and antioxidants. Adequate hydration is also essential, as drinking at least 8 glasses of water daily helps flush out toxins and keeps your skin hydrated from within.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study links air pollution with infertility in men

Long-term exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution is linked to a higher risk of infertility in men, according to a Danish study.

The study led by researchers at the Nord Universitet in Denmark throws light on a significant worldwide health issue, infertility which affects one in every seven couples.

Studies on sperm quality and the success of fertility treatments have found negative correlations with particulate air pollution; however, results on fecundability, or the probability of becoming pregnant, have been inconsistent, and no research has looked into the impact of transportation noise on infertility in men and women.

The study, published in the journal BMJ, found that prolonged exposure to PM2.5 is associated with a higher risk of infertility in men.

The team included 526,056 men aged 30-45 years, with fewer than two children, residing in Denmark between 2000 and 2017.

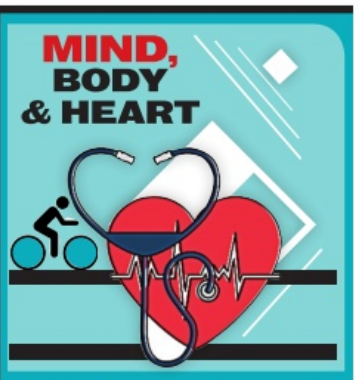
Exposure to higher than average levels of PM2.5 over five years was associated with a 24 per cent increased risk of infertility in men aged 30-45 years.

Since this is an observational study, it is impossible to determine a cause, said the researchers. They also recognised that their data on lifestyle characteristics and exposure to air pollution at work and during leisure activities may be incomplete and couples who are not attempting to conceive may not have been included.

The study stresses the need to enact air pollution measures to raise birth rates worldwide. Governments can improve reproductive health outcomes by improving the environment and addressing air quality issues.

By encouraging the fight for better air, a very basic human right for everyone, this proactive strategy may play a significant role in creating a population that is both healthier and more sustainable in the contemporary world.

— IANS



All you need to know about...

Signs of narcissistic abuse

Gaslighting
It is a form of manipulation where someone tries to make another person doubt their own thoughts, feelings, or perceptions. For example, imagine a situation where someone constantly tells you that something you remember happening never actually occurred. Over time, you might start to question your memory and wonder if you're mistaken.

Projection
It is a defence mechanism where they attribute their own undesirable thoughts, feelings, or motives onto another person. For example, a person who is dishonest may accuse others of being untrustworthy.

Lack Of empathy
They show little empathy or understanding of your emotions, often dismissing them.

Emotional manipulation
This happens when someone uses deceptive or sneaky tactics to control or influence another person's feelings or behaviour. This can include things like guilt-tripping, gaslighting, or playing mind games.

Constant criticism
They criticise you constantly, often using insults and belittling language.

Control
This refers to the exertion of power over another person or group, often in a way that limits their freedom or autonomy. This can manifest in various forms, such as imposing one's will, making decisions without considering others' input, or using intimidation tactics.

Isolation
They isolate you from friends and family, making you dependent on them for validation and support. This can make the victim more dependent on the abuser and less likely to seek help or leave the abusive situation.

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Hold-up in pay has taken some sheen off festivity

File photo of police deployed near Raj Bhavan during a recent protest

Police personnel tell BM they are yet to receive salary for August: 'First-time facing such a delay'

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It is just a day away from Gowri Ganesha festival, and numerous police personnel in the city face the prospect of subdued celebrations. Police personnel BM spoke to told us that they are yet to receive their salaries for August though it is already September 5. The delay in receiving salary has caused problems to the police, who are either staying in rented accommodations or have to pay equal monthly instalment (EMI) to financial institutions and banks for the loans availed by them.

"It is not that we would not have food on Friday and Saturday if the salary is delayed. We will have food but cannot celebrate Gowri Ganesha festival on par with our neighbours due to the delay in the salary. There is no problem for those who are residing at police quarters but what about the police who are residing at rented houses? They have to pay the rent on time but how will they pay if the salary is delayed?" asked an assistant police inspector on the condition of anonymity.

The policemen told BM that it is for the first time there has been such a delay in salary disbursement. "I used to get my salary on the first day of every month. I never had any problem during the Gowri Ganesha festival all these years but this year it is going to be tough due to lack of money," said a head police constable.

Police personnel also spoke of how businessmen, including grocery shop owners, avoid giving items to them on credit. "I have to depend on my salary to celebrate the Gowri Ganesha festival as no one will give me a hand loan. The businessmen and grocery shop owners have different opinions on policemen. They avoid giving credit to policemen on one or the other pretext," said a police constable.

Expressing concern over the delay in receiving the salary, an assistant sub-inspector said that he had to borrow money from others to pay his EMI as the last date to pay it is the 5th of every month. "I have to borrow money from neighbours to avoid the penalty for paying the EMI late. I do not know how many policemen are undergoing similar problems. I expect our higher authorities to ensure our salary is paid on time," the ASI said.

> **There is no problem for those who stay at police quarters but what about the police personnel who reside in rented houses?**
> –Assistant police inspector

When contacted, Police Commissioner of Bengaluru B Dayananda said that there is no delay on the part of the Department of Police. "It seems there is a technical problem. I will look into the matter," said the Police Commissioner.

Teacher recording girl students changing: Alleged offence unpardonable, says HC

The High Court has dismissed a petition filed by a school teacher seeking to quash an FIR registered against him under Section 12 of the POCSO Act. The teacher was accused of recording videos and taking photographs of minor girl students while they were changing clothes.

The Single Bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna termed the alleged offence as "unpardonable" and stated, "More than horrendous, I say, for the reason that the petitioner is a teacher; being a teacher it is indecorous on the part of the petitioner to have allegedly shot the videos and taken pictures of girl children at the time when they are changing their dress, the alleged offence is unpardonable, albeit prima facie. If this cannot become a crime, it is ununderstandable as to what else can be."

The petitioner challenged the registration of a case under Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

According to the prosecution, the Joint Director of the Social Welfare Department (Department) received a complaint via the department's control room. The complaint stated that a drawing teacher at a residential school was allegedly recording videos and capturing photographs of underage female students. Furthermore, the complaint claimed that these videos were aired on various television channels. Consequently, an FIR was filed against the teacher under Section 12 of the POCSO Act.

The Court explained that under Section 11 of the POCSO Act, any person who makes a child exhibit their body to be seen by such person or any other person can be punished under Section 12 of the Act. The Bench further clarified that even uttering any word, making any gesture, or exhibiting any object or part of the body can amount to sexual harassment.

During the investigation, shocking material was seized from the teacher, including five mobile phones of different brands, each containing close to 1,000 images and several hundreds of videos. The Court questioned why a drawing teacher would possess five mobile phones and what the nature of the videos and pictures stored in them was, stating that it was a matter of investigation.

The High Court ultimately rejected the petition, stating that entertaining it at the stage of registration of the crime would be putting a premium on the illegal activities of the teacher. The Court emphasised that it was for the petitioner to come out clean in a full-blown trial.

Compensate for future prospects, court orders

The High Court has ruled that compensation for future prospects should be awarded to claimants in injury cases as well.

Justice Dr Chillakur Sumalatha, in a single judge bench, made this decision while partially granting the appeal filed by Santhosh K S, who had challenged the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal's order awarding him Rs 4,97,732 instead of the requested Rs 25 lakh.

The appellant, a 22-year-old coolie, had suffered a type B open fracture distal third of the right femur and an injury to his right thumb. The Tribunal determined that the appellant's whole-body disability would be 18%.

> **Man goes to court to challenge tribunal's order to pay him around Rs 5 lakh instead of Rs 25 lakh**

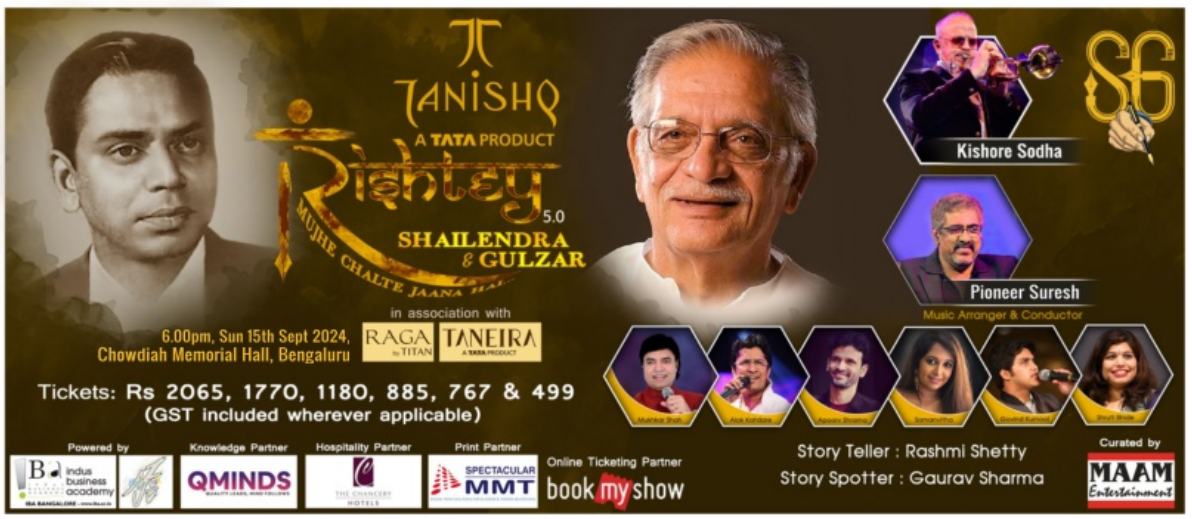
The insurance company argued that future prospects should not be included in the compensation amount since this case did not involve death or severe permanent physical disability. The court, however, disagreed, stating, "This Court is of the view that to the extent of disability, the appellant will not be in a position to perform his duties. When a healthy person would be earning a certain amount, the person with permanent disability would not be earning the same amount for the same work as his abilities to do that work would be reduced to the extent of permanent physical disability..." —BMB

Calls for safety measures in film industry

Actress Sangeeta Bhatt has raised her voice once again about the ongoing issue of sexual violence in the entertainment industry, referencing the global "Me Too" movement. Bhatt emphasised that safety is crucial not only for women but for men as well, calling for stronger measures to protect artists on film sets. She acknowledged that while the movement had a significant impact, it didn't bring the necessary changes in all industries, including Kannada cinema.

Producer Umapati also expressed his concerns, urging everyone in the film industry, including directors and producers, to ensure the safety of all actors and actresses. "Their personal lives are their own, but their safety is our collective responsibility," he said. Umapati further stressed that it is the duty of the industry to provide a secure environment and to respect the dignity of all individuals, both on and off set. —BMB

> **Actor, producer stress on protecting artistes on film sets**



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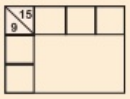

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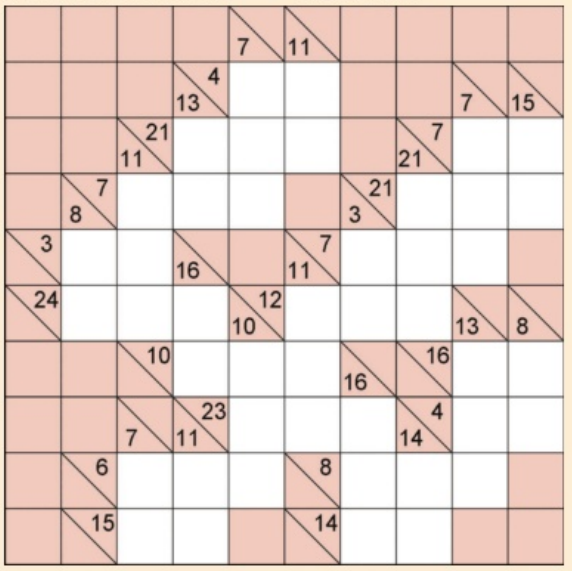

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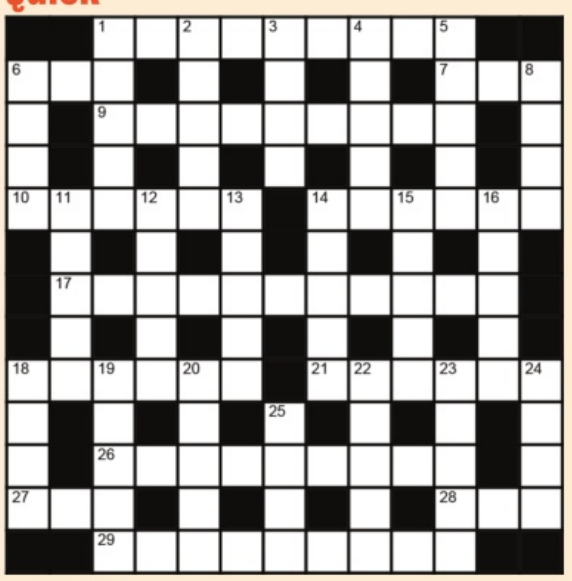

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18 Stiffening agent (6)
21 Wired (6)
26 Karnataka lies on India's ___-___ coast (5-4)
27 Assemblyman, in short (3)
28 Manipulate fraudulently (3)
29 Wretched (9)

DOWN

1 Ornament containing precious stones (5)
2 Thespian (5)
3 Exclude (4)
4 Farewell (5)
5 Small film role (5)
6 Goo Goo Dolls hit (4)
8 Depose (4)
11 Overhead or above (5)
12 Change (5)
13 Adolescent (5)
14 Three-dimensional (5)
15 Beat (5)
16 Unreasonable, unwarranted or excessive (5)
18 Pretence (4)
19 Guwahati locale (5)
20 Successful actions (5)
22 Sour-"brace" anagram? (5)
23 Liquid measure (5)
24 To pull along (4)
25 Norse deity (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS N

XTBYQT MW GM PYG PMQT ZIYG MW OMKQUTNW; BT LYQQO MKQ BMQUZ TGTPRTU BRZIRG KU.

Linemaro

Before I met you, I didn't know how it was like to smile for no reason

Mindchow

Don't tell me what was said about me.
Tell me why they were so comfortable to say it to you

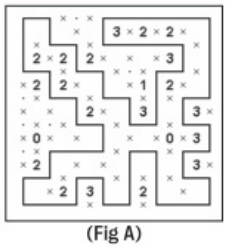
Joke of the day

My friend got crushed by a pile of books, but he has got only his shelf to blame

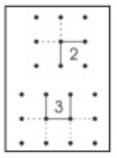
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

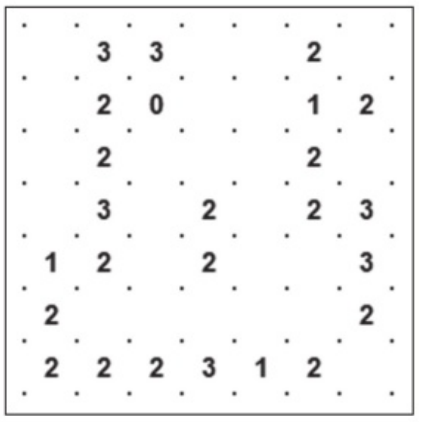


(Fig B) Not Allowed

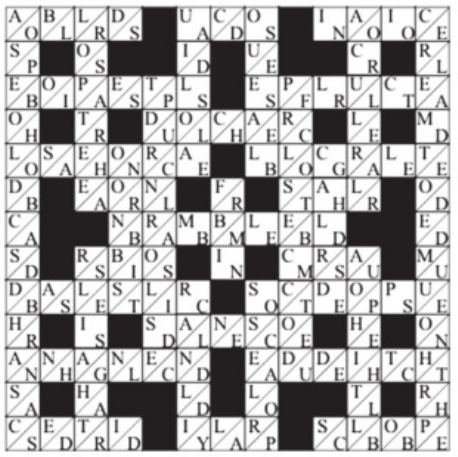
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8	G			
9				

ACROSS

1 Reams; 6 Equal; 7 In nut; 8 Tange; 9 Brose

DOWN

1 QB USA; 2 No mug; 3 Arete; 4 Alien; 5 Stern

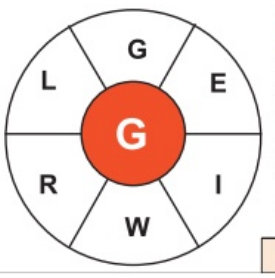
Mensapuzzle

Solve this dingbat:

GONE
GONE
GONE
GONE

CONCLUSION

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		3		5		8		
	5		7		1		9	
1								5
3		2	6		7	5		9
		8				4		
9		5	8		2	1		7
8								3
	6		9		3		4	
		9		1		7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
2 6 7 7

Medium = 45
3 3 5 9

Hard = 8
5 6 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Sleeve is different. 3. Locker is narrower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Stripe is added to pants. 6. Socks are different.

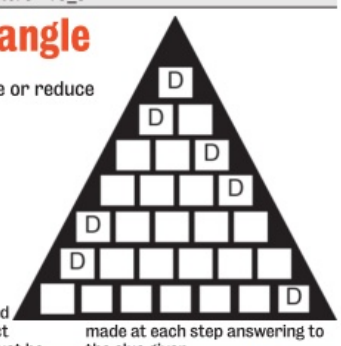
Riddler

See if you can think of a word to fill in the blank that would result in a meaningful acronym (i.e. the acronym is a word that relates to what the acronym stands for). For example (based on a real company name): Portable On Demand _____ = POD_ Answer: "Storage" goes in the blank, which gives the acronym PODS. The company transports mobile storage containers (pods).

1. Casually Have A _____ = CHA_
2. _____ Related Other Sons = _ROS
3. The Ultimate _____ Store = TU_S

Alpha triangle

1 Five hundred
2 Prefix for remove or reduce
3 Alert hue
4 Peruse
5 Aspiration
6 Regarding skin
7 Frightened



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

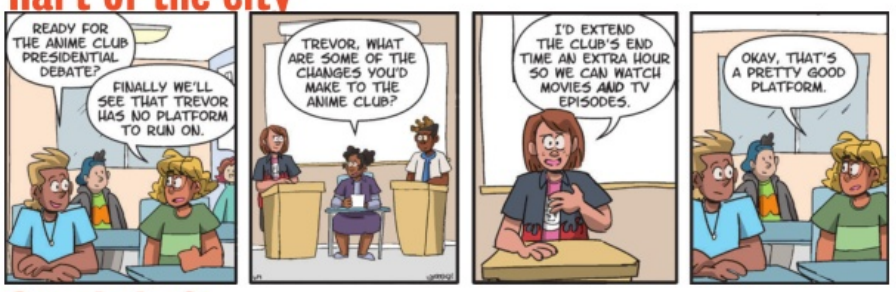
Popeye

YOU SHOUDN'T TALK TO POPEYE!
WHY NOT?
?
IT IS ILLEGAL TO SPEAK TO A PERSON THAT HAS BEEN ERASED
IF THERE IS NO RECORD OF HIM, HE DOESN'T EXIST!
?
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT WAS THAT THING I JUST KISSED?
12-12

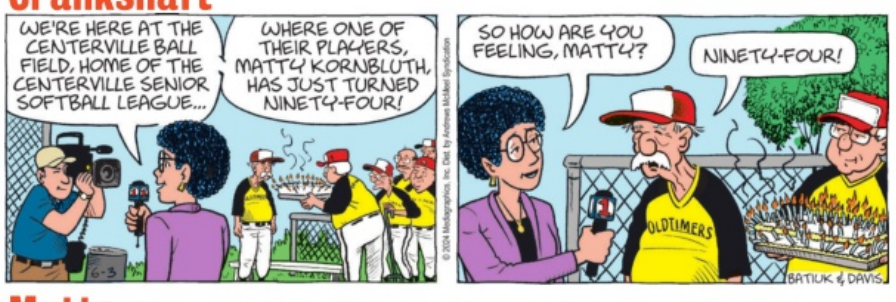
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


READY FOR THE ANIME CLUB PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE?
FINALLY WE'LL SEE THAT TREVOR HAS NO PLATFORM TO RUN ON.
TREVOR, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHANGES YOU'D MAKE TO THE ANIME CLUB?
I'D EXTEND THE CLUB'S END TIME AN EXTRA HOUR SO WE CAN WATCH MOVIES AND TV EPISODES.
OKAY, THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD PLATFORM.

Crankshaft


WE'RE HERE AT THE CENTERVILLE BALL FIELD, HOME OF THE CENTERVILLE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE...
WHERE ONE OF THEIR PLAYERS, MATTY KORNBLUTH, HAS JUST TURNED NINETY-FOUR!
SO HOW ARE YOU FEELING, MATTY?
NINETY-FOUR!
OLDTIMERS
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

GOING TO A RESTAURANT WAS A GREAT IDEA, MOOCH!
YESH! NOW IF ONLY WE CAN GET SHOME SHERVICE.
AAAAIEEE
I THINK I CAUGHT OUR WAITRESS'S EYE.
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of an elder's blessing, you may be able to control this messy situation. You may easily find the resources that might be important for the completion of a project. Your sources of income are likely to be increased, and your losses may be converted into profits, which may boost your financial health.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are likely to meet some influential person who may help you grow your business. You will expect some big orders from overseas clients that will increase your liquidity in the business. Your bonding with the boss may become strong, and you may expect some promotions rewarding your hard work. Your prestige may be increased now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are likely to be happy and calm. You are blessed by your elders; you may have patience in your thought process. You may also plan to visit some spiritual place for seeking peace of mind. You may also donate some amount to a spiritual place for development. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and may also have some health issues, which are likely to affect your day at work. You find yourself under mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rush driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted by the occult, and you are advised to visit some religious places.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, blessings from the moon may make you happy. You may help needy people. You are likely to analyse yourself and accept mistakes in your personal life. Faith in the relationship with the spouse is likely to be improved, which may boost confidence in your marital relationship. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel healthy; old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to win some litigation. You have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Your money, which was stuck, is likely to be recovered now, which may boost your liquidity. You may likely get new responsibilities at work, which will give you benefits in the near future.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today may be mixed. You may be busy with kids' issues; couples may be likely to welcome a newborn baby. Those couples who are trying for a kid may hear some good news. With the help of wisdom, you may be able to settle the disputes in business and social life. Students may plan for overseas education. Natives who are in jobs may make some plans for higher studies for a good career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel disappointment at work. You will not be able to enjoy your life at any moment; you may face some losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while; otherwise, you may face losses. You are also advised to take care of your parents' health.

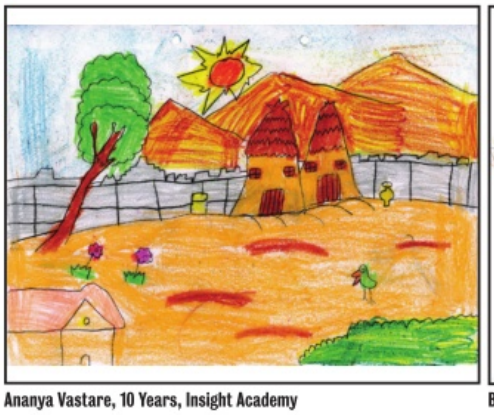
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You are blessed by the moon today. You are likely to have inner strength; you may be able to make some difficult decisions at work. You may be busy with social get-togethers, which may expand your network, which may give you benefits in the near future in terms of work. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with your family. Kids' education may make you upset; you may also plan to go for short trips for their academics. You may likely spend money on buying some artefacts and creative stuff to renovate your house. You are advised to avoid any type of addiction; otherwise, it may create some disturbance in the domestic life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. With the help of courage, you may be able to make good plans and may likely implement them efficiently. You are advised to control overexcitement; you may likely make some mistakes. You are also advised to read documents before making a signature. Your rivals and opponents are now under control.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your old health issues may arise again. Anxiety and restlessness may make you upset. You may likely become unfocused on your goals, and you may also waste your precious time doing worthless tasks. You are advised to control your spending on worthless stuff; it may affect your financial health.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√[(3⁻4⁴) / (3⁻12)]=
√[(3⁻16 / 3⁻12)]=
√(3⁻4)=
81⁻(1/2)=
9

BULL'S EYE
girl, grew, wiggle, WRIGGLE

STRIKE OUT

S	E	T	I	■	Y	A	P	■	S	L	O	E
A	L	L	S	■	A	D	D	O	■	N	O	I	C
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B	O	A	S	T	S	■	S	P	R	U	C	E	■
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QUICK
1. Talk -> CHAT,
2. Biologically -> BROS
3. Bath -> TUBS

RIDDLER
foregone-conclusion

MENSA PUZZLE

7	9	3	4	5	6	8	2	1
2	5	6	7	8	1	3	9	4
1	8	4	3	2	9	6	7	5
3	1	2	6	4	7	5	8	9
6	7	8	1	9	5	4	3	2
9	4	5	8	3	2	1	6	7
8	2	7	5	6	4	9	1	3
5	6	1	9	7	3	2	4	8
4	3	9	2	1	8	7	5	6

SUDOKU

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, DE, Red, Read, Dream, Dermal, Alarmed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 7 – 2 – 6 = 6
Medium
9 + 5 x 3 + 3 = 45
Hard
6 – 9 + 5 + 6 = 8

LOOP

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

S	M	E	A	R
G	U	A	L	E
A	G	E	N	T
U	N	T	I	N
B	O	R	E	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Beware of no man more than of yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us.

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